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SUBJECT: DEATH OF ARMY MAJOR

1. CORRESPONDENTS MARVINE HOWE (NYT) AND FRANK MANITZAS (CBS) TOLD IO SEPARATELY THAT AT OCT 23 PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY JUNTA PRESS SECRETARY WILLOUGHBY WHEN HE WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING DETAILS SURROUNDING BRIEF DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT OF ARMY MAJOR IVAN LAVANDEROS (WHO HAD BEEN ON STAFF AT NATIONAL STADIUM DETENTION CAMP) A MILITARY OFFICER PRESENT ANSWERED IT AN "ACCIDENT". WHEN PRESSED FURTHER WILLOUGHBY REPORTEDLY REPLIED "HE SHOT HIMSELF ACCIDENTALLY AT HOME".

2. MANITZAS CLAIMED THAT HE HAD REPORT FROM RELIABLE SOURCE THAT SWEDISH AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN CALLED IN BY FOREIGN MINISTER HUERTA WHO VERY UPSET DUE SWEDES ASSISTANCE TO 55 TUPAMAROS WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED AT AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED FROM NATIONAL STADIUM. SWEDISH AMBASSADOR REPORTEDLY SAID URUGUAYAN EMBASSY PREPARED PAPERS AND SWEDES PROVIDED ASYLUM, OBTAINING ASSISTANCE FROM LAVANDEROS AT STADIUM. HUERTA ALLEGEDLY REPLIED THAT "FOR THIS ACT MAJOR" (NOT IDENTIFIED BY NAME) "WHO HELPED RELEASE TUPAMAROS GOT HIS DUE."

3. COMMENT: SOME U.S. AND FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS FEEL LAVANDEROS WAS EXECUTED FOR HIS TOO RESPONSIVE ASSISTANCE TO
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FOREIGN EMBASSIES PROVIDING HELP TO ALLEGED EXTREMIST PRISONERS

OF FOREIGN ORIGIN. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT "EL MERCURIO"
OCT 19 CARRIED BRIEF ITEM STATING THAT ARMY MAJOR IVAN
LAVANDEROS FUNERAL SCHEDULED FOR 4 PM THAT DAY. NO CAUSE
OF DEATH WAS GIVEN.
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